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Dear Mr. Gamble:

One of my close colleagues, Colonel Lawrence E. White, Deputy Director for Support for CIA, is applying for the session of the Advanced Management Program starting in February 1959. I welcome the opportunity to support his application.

Colonel White is the most senior officer from this Agency to apply for the Advanced Management course. He is responsible for the direction of financial, personnel, training, communications, logistics, legal and medical activities of the Agency. These responsibilities have brought him into close personal contact with all principal departments and committees of the Executive and Legislative Branches of the Government. He brings to the course a depth of experience in public administration and management, and is fully conversant with the present day Government practices in these fields. I can state without reservation that other members of the Advanced Management course will gain considerable substance from Colonel White's presence in the program.

On the other hand, the course offers equal opportunity to Colonel White. While he has had a wide range of administrative responsibility during the formative years of CIA, his previous career has been principally military, and was not concerned with civilian administration. He has had little formal training in the theories and concepts of public and business management. I am convinced that the informed discussions which take place in the course will provide Colonel White with greater insight and a better understanding of many different problems which he now faces in fulfilling his assigned responsibilities. It should also

broaden the base from which he can generate ideas and develop resources which, as applied, will be of direct value to maintaining a progressive program of support and administration for CIA.

Colonel White is a man of demonstrated personal integrity and leadership who instills winner confidence in his associates. He is most congenial and extremely popular with his colleagues and subordinates. He is active in church and civic affairs, has travelled throughout the world, and is well informed on foreign matters. His interest in people and in problems of management generally should make him an active and helpful member of the group.

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